

More history made today. Of the kind that pleases most of us. ) President Eisenhower signed the St. Lawrence Seaway Bill. The President, putting an end to thirty years of delay -- and heated debate. Strongest opponents of the bill have been the railroads and the Atlantic seaports. Quite naturally they feared that a St. Lawrence seaway would take much of their business from them. So the idea was fought and defeated, -- until now. Defeated over and over, in spite of the fact that every President supported it, since Harding.

So ends a long controversy. President Eisenhower authorizing this country to join with Canada -- in cutting a deeper channel in the St. Lawrence River. A channel twenty-seven feet deep. So ships from the Atlantic can move right through into The Great Lakes; instead of trans-shipping their cargoes by rail and truck.

This means it won't be long now until Detroit,

Cleveland, Buffalo, Toledo, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth,  
and many other ports on the Great Lakes will be seaports!

President Eisenhower used ten pens during the signing. Nine of these he gave to Congressmen who were present. One goes to the historical museum in Detroit - a pen made from one of the logs of historic Fort Detroit, dating back to the days when Indians roamed outside Detroit.

Substitute LANIEL - French Premier Laniel has his vote of confidence from the National Assembly. The Premier, supported by the Legislature - for the second time in a week.

Last week he won a resounding victory. Today he just managed to squeeze through. Only two votes difference between his supporters and his opponents - 289 to 297. The difference, of course, due to the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

Most of the opposition came from the Communists, Socialists, and the followers of General de Gaulle.

The vote, so narrow that many observers think Laniel might offer to resign. But, it's believed in Paris that President Coty will ask him to stay on as Premier. The President, wanting Laniel to handle the Indo-China crisis - and to deal with the Reds at the Geneva Conference.

ASIA

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Our State Department is pushing its plan for a "Nato" of southeast Asia. Secretary of State Dulles, ordering the go-ahead -- in spite of the fear that Indo-China may fall to the Reds. Today, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Robert Murphy, conferred with the Ambassadors of India and Indonesia. Murphy, giving them a picture of, what the Department terms, "the general situation in southeast Asia."

India and Indonesia belong to the so-called "neutralist bloc." India has already said that she will not join the intended alliance. Indonesia, lukewarm to the idea. But the State Department is keeping the door open - in case they want to come in later. Also, it's hoped that the "neutralist bloc" will give moral support to the nations of the Far East "Nato."

*- more action -*

In Indo-China, ~~the biggest battle since the fall of~~  
~~Dien Bien Phu. The battle began~~ at the town of Phu Ly - a key  
point on the highway that runs down the coast of Indo-China,  
~~Phu Ly is~~ about thirty-five miles south of Hanoi.

The Reds cut through rice fields to strike ~~at the~~ *here.*  
~~fortress.~~ *there are* The French estimate *^* several thousand of the  
enemy in front of Phu Ly. Some regular army units - the rest  
guerrillas.

General Navarre's headquarters refuses to say how  
bad the situation at Phu Ly is. But it does admit that losses  
on both sides have been "serious."

*is called*  
The attack, *^* part of the general Communist assault  
on the Red River delta. French officials believe ~~that~~ the  
Reds ~~may be~~ *are* attempting to cut off Hanoi from the rest of  
Viet Nam - in preparation for an all-out attack on that  
northern capital of the country.

DIEN BIEN PHU

At Dien Bien Phu - evacuation of wounded now going on. A helicopter, landing on the airstrip. Also carrying mail for the captured garrison.

The severely wounded to be flown out. From the underground hospital - where they were during and since the battle. Seven hundred to be taken out first.

French officials in Hanoi hope that many more may be released eventually. The full list of the wounded is estimated at around fourteen hundred.

## CHINA

A United Press dispatch from Hong Kong. A report that Mao Tse-tung is quarreling with his top economic adviser, Liu Shao-Chi. All because half of the population of China is now short of food.

The country suffering from drought, floods, and plagues of insects. Which is not at all unusual for China. But the U.P. dispatch adds that the Reds take most of the ~~farmer's~~ farmer's crop - all except what he needs for his own family. As a result farmers are leaving the land - going to the big cities.

Also, the dispatch speaks about "lethargy", in the factories. Workers not producing enough - because the factories are improperly run. So, the Red press is demanding longer hours for workers, and there's talk of prison, with a mention of Beria. The head of the Economic Department, declaring that men like Beria must be ferreted out of the Communist Party.

This report says the economic situation in China is now worse than ever before. So -- Mao Tse-tung is dissatisfied with his number two man. That's the word from Hong Kong.

SYNGMAN RHEE

Syngman Rhee calls for a renewal of the Korean War.

The President of South Korea, say<sup>S</sup>~~ing that~~ the Geneva Conference

is completely futile, and that the fighting should begin again -

*that is*

as soon as the West is convinced of <sup>of this. Rhee</sup>~~that fact. He~~ clarified

his argument by saying that North Korea has been turned into a

Chinese Province - which will not regain its freedom except

by war.



## HEARING

Today's installment of the Washington drama produced what you might call - a modern version of the Biblical tragedy, the Trials and Tribulations of Job. That patriarch of the Old Testament would have sympathized with the grief and exasperation of Army Counsel John Adams - in his dealings with Committee Counsel Roy Cohn. But Adams, for all the nagging and abuse, went back for more. With a fortitude - comparable to the patience of Job. At least, that was the picture painted by the questions and answers, today.

Committee Counsel Jenkins interrogated him along the line of the Mc Carthy charge - that the Army tried to have the McCarthy hearings halted. Which suggested one reason why Adams might have been so patient and long suffering - trying to pacify Cohn. But Adams explained that he took the insults and hard language, because it was his duty to get along with the McCarthy Committee. And stay friendly - if possible.

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( One point was - Adams's positive denial that he ever suggested that McCarthy should let the Army alone, and investigate the Air Force and Navy. Offering - to provide information. That's the McCarthy charge - the Army Counsel denying it utterly.

Private Schine appeared at the hearing again today, but didn't testify. However, he's quoted as complaining to Committee Counsel Jenkins - that, on duty at Fort Myer, Virginia, he has been prevented from watching the hearings on television. Which seems to be a pity - since a private soldier, I suppose, might get some gratification out of causing so much uproar and agitation among the high brass. There wasn't any

~~individual, in particular, that caused the Trials and Tribulations of the patriarch Job. But Schine was the source of many a headache for Army Counsel Adams.~~

COSTELLO

Big-time gambler, Frank Costello, guilty of income tax evasion. So ruled by a New York jury. Costello, now faces fifteen years in jail and a thirty-thousand dollar fine.

Many TV viewers will remember Costello testifying before the Keefauver sub-committee. Or, rather, no testifying - the gambler appealing to the Fifth Amendment to avoid answering questions.

But the Fifth Amendment won't do him any good this time - not when he is declared guilty of income tax evasion.

## ALASKA

President Eisenhower welcomed some Alaskans today. They were there to plead for statehood for Alaska. The Alaskan delegation calling at the White House was led by Barrie White, of Anchorage. The Sourdoughs -- not Cheechakoes, of course -- told the President that Alaska is ready to do everything necessary to meet almost any condition to get statehood. President Eisenhower gave them a warm welcome, but made no promises. At the same time he did not tell the delegation from Nome, Juneau, Sitka, Nenana, Skagway, Circle City, and all those picturesque places up near the Polar Rim -- he didn't tell them that he would not help them realize their statehood dream.

## SUBSTITUTE KIDNAPPER

In San Quentin, California, a convicted kidnapper gets a reprieve. Caryl Chessman, not to die in the gas chamber tomorrow.

Chessman is the criminal who wrote a book while he was in the death house. He called it "Cell Two Four Five Five, Death Row." It was published ten days ago. Some observers thought that it was worth a reprieve - Chessman's book, a contribution to criminology. Governor Knight turned down the plea for clemency.

But a few hours later Judge Thomas <sup>K</sup> ~~Heating~~ <sub>A</sub> granted a postponement. The judge, ~~axxi~~ ordering a hearing on Monday. So Caryl Chessman will have at least a few more days to live. The author of "Cell Two Four Five Five, Death Row" - escaping the gas chamber tomorrow.

## MISSIONARIES

Three American missionaries have reached the "Shangri-la" of New Guinea. Their exploit, described by the Reverend Bernard King of New York, speaking before the Convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The "Shangri-la" of New Guinea is the Baliem River Valley. A valley surrounded by mountains soaring up to seventeen thousand feet. Accessible only by air. Planes climbing to ten thousand feet - and then flying through a narrow pass to get there.

The Reverend Bernard King says he knows of only two previous times that outsiders have visited the valley. First of all, the Dick Archibold Expedition - sponsored by The American Museum of Natural History. That group went in and stayed two weeks. One of that party in Nineteen Thirty-Eight - was an old friend of mine, a famous veteran flier, Lon Yancey. Then, during World War Two, an American plane crashed in that Lost Valley of wild New Guinea. Gliders went in through the pass at that time on a rescue mission.

The third party to reach "Shangri-la" - three

missionaries: Lloyd Van Stone of Houston, Texas, Einar Michelson, an old time missionary in New Guinea, and Myron Bromley, an expert in linguistics. With them, two pilots, Al Lewis of Hamilton, Ontario, and Ed Ulrich of Pennsylvania. The pilots flew the missionaries into the valley. Left them there, and now will parachute supplies to them from time to time.

The inhabitants of this lost "Shangri-la" -- a barbaric race, still living as men did in the Stone Age. The various tribes, carrying on constant war. Some of these natives fired arrows at the supply plane. And the missionaries describe them as "very cruel" -- which they hope to change, by teaching them the Gospel.

The Missionaries already are in daily contact with the coast, by radio. They say they're now living peacefully with one Stone Age clan. The Missionaries, unarmed - because they want to avoid violence as they go about their mission.

One of the first tasks for Myron Bromley, will be to learn their language, and then translate the Bible to these people who until a few years ago didn't even know there was an outside world.



## BANNISTER

Today I got my first glimpse of the English medical student and Oxford track star, who wrote history with his feet, when he ran the mile in less than four minutes.

Roger Bannister, a guest at the Yale Club in New York.

Introduced to a flock of newsmen -- by my old friend,

Colonel Eddie Eagan, himself a one-time Oxford athlete of international renown.

Roger Bannister turns out to be a fresh-faced young Oxonian. Younger than his pictures. About medium height -- but of slight build; as most runners are. In street clothes, he looks like anyone of a hundred students, you'd see in Oxford every day, pouring out of Magdalene

Balliol.  
or ~~St. Andrew's~~

The point that caught my attention in Bannister's remarks today was when he said that Oxford long-distance runners are said to be so good -- because they usually run in the opposite direction to the direction that other runners run. In this country, the mile is run

counter clockwise. But at Oxford, Bannister learned to run clockwise. And since their runners are always bearing to the right -- they build up their left legs as they

go round turns. *Try that and see how it goes. Well -* ~~which~~ gives them a more even balance --

because the right leg is normally stronger than the left.

Bannister says that's the theory in England.

He certainly made the ~~theory~~ theory look good, Mike, when he ran that record mile at Oxford last week!